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PROPOSED THIRD PRECINCT

The photograph reproduced here is from an artist's rendering of the new Headquarters building of the Metropolitan Police Precinct Number Three. This rendering is reportedly the only picture of the building, and presently hangs in one of the engineering offices in the District Building.

Construction on the new building was begun several weeks ago and the target date for completion is May 18, 1964.

The new building, located on the northwest corner of 23rd and L Streets, N. W., will replace the ancient, and inadequate, building at 2014 K Street now housing the men of the Third.



THANKS TO "NUMBER THREE"

Captain Raymond S. Pyles, Commanding Officer of the Metropolitan Police Third Precinct, was happy to tell us - and we were happy, and proud, to hear that the crime rate in the Third Precinct, of which Foggy Bottom is a part, has been steadily decreasing for a number of months. This decrease is even more noteworthy since each month brings more and more people, cars, buildings, etc. into the area to increase the possibility of crimes. Much of this uniqueness in the lack of crime is due to the caliber of the men in the Third. In his article "World's Toughest Police Job" (Parade Magazine, July 7, 1963), Foggy Bottom's own Fred Blumenthal paid tribute to these selected men of the Third. We would like to echo his accolades to them!

Captain Pyles and his men are extremely interested in Foggy Bottom and eager to do everything within their jurisdiction to cooperate with residents and to maintain the safety and security of the area.

With the exception of one commercial establishment in the area, where an occasional case of petty larceny has been reported to #3, Foggy Bottom itself is virtually without reported crimes. These excellent conditions are prevailing in the Third while almost everyother precinct in the city of Washington is reporting an increase in the crime rate.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - 8:00 P.M.
Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2430 K Street, N.W.

Business: Vote on By-Laws Amendment

PROGRAM

Stressing the importance of cooperation between the residents and the department, Captain Pyles urges us to contact headquarters without hesitation with any complaints. "Most complaints stem from a small misunderstanding and can be quickly resolved when reported to us", he said. To contact them, telephone NAtional 8-4000, and ask for the Third Precinct.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE Bernice Teuteberg, Chairman

As announced earlier, our next meeting, on November 25, 1963, will be a true "town hall" -- a real demonstration of democracy in action.

Preliminary to this meeting, representatives of the Progressive Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Adams - Morgan Citizens Association, and the West End Citizens Association will meet at the home of the Chairman of the Program Committee on November 18. The purpose of this preliminary meeting is to discuss current problems and objectives and to discuss in general terms, plans for cooperation and collaboration in areas of common interest.

On November 25th, representatives of these organizations will be present at our Association meeting to discuss their conclusions with the membership as a whole, and to give each of you a chance to raise questions concerning those subjects of interest to you.

So, jot down all the things you have on your mind to ask about and come prepared to join in our "verbal hootenanny"!

Who is operating the parking lot on the southwest corner of 26th and Eye Streets? The one between 906 and 908 New Hampshire Avenue? Legally?

WE APOLOGIZE, FRANK DI MISA

In the October NEWS the name of our source for the featured article, "Foggy Bottom - Then", was misspelled. The name should have been Frank Di Misa instead of Frank Vimisa. Actually, Frank is very understanding and has already forgiven us but the response - probably the greatest ever for an edition of the NEWS - was so great and so many of those who called told us of the misspelling that we felt we should apologize in print.

As Frank had predicted, literally scores of present and former residents of the Bottom responded to the memory-jogging items in the article. One former Bottomite called from Frederick, Maryland with her comments on, and thanks for, the article.

We hope to get other information from Frank for the future issues of the NEWS and, should anyone else have recollections of the early days of the Bottom it would be appreciated if you would contact us.

Once again, Frank, our apologies and our thanks to you for the extremely interesting article.

BOTTOMITE SPOTLITE

"Evelyn Hemmingson Larson" is the way it reads in the local newspapers. This name appears among a listing published on Wednesday, November 13, 1963, of the successful candidates for the District Bar examination given in July. To Foggy Bottomites, this means that our Association Secretary, the attractive Eve Larson, is now qualified to practice law before the Courts of the District of Columbia.

Our heartiest congratulations to you, Eve!

We take this opportunity to welcome to the ranks of Foggy Bottom two new homeowners: Eugene Frank and Martin Hartman. They moved into their newly acquired home at #19 Snow's Court this week, after purchasing it from former owner, Earl Godfrey.

Both work as patent examiners in the Pharmaceutical Division of the U. S. Patent Office and both are students at Georgetown University. They moved to Foggy Bottom from Capitol Hill. Eugene, a native New Yorker, has been in Washington about 3 years and Martin, who was born in Prague, has lived here about 5 years.

We welcome them to the Bottom and look forward to their participation in our community activities.

NAME CHANGE STILL PENDING

The scheduled vote on changing the name of the Association at the October 28 meeting was deferred to the November 25 meeting in the absence of several officers and members of the Executive Committee.

The discussion and vote on the name change will, in all probability, be the first item on the agenda so if you wish to express your views on the matter, make an extra special effort to arrive at Pillsbury Hall at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

OLD PICTURES WANTED

The NEWS is searching for photographs, drawings, sketches, etc. of scenes in Foggy Bottom from ten years ago back to the days of Hamburg and Funkstown. Anyone possessing - or knowing specifically where to locate - such pictures and wishing to share them with other readers should contact the NEWS at their earliest convenience. The unharmed pictures will be returned to the owners within several days. The NEWS staff will be extremely grateful, as will readers of our future issues. We hope that this will be a continuing project, so if you happen to find any pictures at some later date, keep it in mind to contact us.



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TREE BLOWN DOWN ON THE CIRCLE

A large oak tree, which stood on Washington Circle for yea, these many years, fell under the pressure of high winds on November 8th. Fortunately, there was no one hurt but it barely missed a pedestrian as it crashed to the ground. Helen Witt, owner of Foggy Bottom Gifts, was extremely happy that there was no damage to her shop but will sorely miss the shade that the tree provided during the summer.

District officials and workmen were very prompt in disposing of the tree. It fell about 11:00 a.m. and it was sawed into pieces and removed by 1:00 p.m. In an effort to determine the cause, officials were making on-the-spot investigations, and taking some pictures of the tree and its roots for examination in their offices.

25th Street Still Revisited: The 30-day schedule for replacing sewers on 25th Street that was started on October 9 has been stretched somewhat since as of November 15 there is still quite a bit of work to be done on the project. The block between H and Eye Streets is usually closed during the day because the equipment blocks the one lane that should be open.

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"I'D RATHER EAT TURKEY" A Short Thanksgiving Day Story by Howard Malcolm, III

As the rocket ship slowly descended toward unexplored Planet 302, Colonel James, the ship's commander, glanced toward the electronic calendar that was above the control panel -- Wednesday, November 25, 2163, 11:58 P. M., Eastern U. S. Standard Time.

An acute feeling of loneliness engulfed the Colonel. True, planet exploration was routine with him -- 36 such flights in the last six years -- but this mission had taken longer than expected: engine troubles, as well as asteroid storms, etc. Two months had elapsed since



Colonel James and his crew soared skyward from Canaveral. He sorely missed his lovely wife and children, especially since Thanksgiving Day was only a few minutes away -- back home. It was a day that the Colonel had always blissfully spent with his family.

A sudden jolt brought the Colonel back to the present. They had landed. The crew's reaction was like clockwork: put on jet spacesuits; enter disembarking chamber; open portal; turn on suit jets; glide out exit.

It was extremely dark on Planet 302. Three small moons didn't help much. Colonel James, at the head of the several low-flying spacemen, glanced around and remarked to himself, "Another dead planet".

The sound was very low at first, particularly since their space helmets were well insulated against exterior audio signals. But, it became increasingly louder -- a distinct, periodic, boom-boom-BOOM-BOOM! The paltry light of the moons suddenly was blotted out! There must have been thousands of them! -- Huge monsters swooping down toward the

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The Colonel covered while his men passed through the ship's portal to apparent safety; but a glancing blow from one of the creatures knocked the Colonel to the ground, where a dull snapping sound told him that his leg was broken.

The monsters were on him in a second, banging and slashing at his steel-like plastic clothing. With ease they tore away segments of his helmet and suit, and began ripping at his flesh! The sharp pains became dull as he felt life ebbing from him. The last thing he heard was "gobble-gobble, gobble-gobble".

In accordance with a joint resolution passed by the Congress in 1941 designating the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, the President recently proclaimed November 28, 1963 as Thanksgiving day throughout the Nation.

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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA..

The following prepared speech by the District GOP Chairman Carl Shipley was made November 14, before the Washington Kiwanis Club at the Mayflower.

Back in 1915 a joint select committee of Congress was appointed to determine the fiscal relations between the States and the District. A by-product of its investigation was a conclusion by Senator Works of California that ... "The residents of the District should be given representation in Congress and the right to select their representatives."

When the District came into existence in 1790 it was commonly accepted that we would be represented in Congress. Yet, after 173 years, we are still unrepresented. Is there any good reason why the 765,000 residents of the District should be unrepresented in the Congress. Our population is greater than that of 11 states -- Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

Alaska, with one-third our population, has two U.S. Senators and a Congressman. Vermont with onehalf our population has the same representation, as do Wyoming, Delaware and Nevada. Taxation without representation is supposed to be outlawed in our scheme of government. Yet, due to historical oversight citizens of the District are taxed federally and locally by officials they have no voice in selecting.

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In arguing for the adoption of this provision of the Federal Constitution, Alexander Hamilton wrote in the Federalist Papers that the State giving the land would "no doubt provide in the compact for the rights and the consent of the citizens inhabiting it ... they will have had their voice in the election of the government ... to exercise authority over them."

The Constitution was actually adopted by the convention of the states on September 17, 1787, before there was a District of Columbia so no one had reason to even think about representation in Congress.

The States of Maryland and Virginia made cessions contemplated by the Constitution in 1788 and 1789, and from the land tendered by the 2 states was selected the District of Columbia. But no one thought about Hamilton's supposition that representation in Congress would be a part of the compact. Thus, in all of the negotiating and politicking incident to establishment of the District of Columbia, no one ever thought to provide for representation in Congress. Since the Federal Constitution limits Senators and Congressmen to the states, it will take a constitutional amendment to give District residents voting representation in Congress.

There is no reason for denying District residents representation in Congress. Our Commissioners perform state as well as county and municipal functions. We pay federal and local taxes and contribute citizen soldiers to the military. Our share of the responsibilities and burdens of national citizenship exceeds many of the states. We should have a voice and vote in the Senate and House in proportion to our population in passing the national laws.

WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE! *****************

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THE AREA'S FINEST LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

THE BEGINNINGS OF FOGGY BOTTOM

by

Mary K. Manzoli

In the early days of Washington, Foggy Bottom received little attention from either the Federal or the City officials, with the notable exception of George Washington. Our first President hoped that a university would be established on the hill at 23rd and E Streets where the Navy Bureau of Medicine offices are now located. Perhaps with this hope in mind, Washington bought Square 21 of the old city -- the block now bounded by 25th and 26th Streets and by D and E Streets, Northwest. This square, which lies just east of the 23rd Street hill, was left in Washington's will to his ward, George Washington Parke Custis.

Washington was also a frequent visitor at the Peter houses - on the south side of K Street, between 26th Street and the river. The houses, regrettably torn down to make way for the Whitehurst Freeway over Georgetown, were built, about 1795, for Mr. Thomas Peter -- who married Martha Washington's grand-daughter, Martha Parke Custis. George Washington was a guest at 2618 K Street on the last night that he spent in the Capital, August 5, 1799. In 1803 these handsome, three-story brick houses were leased to the British Minister, Anthony Merry, with whom the poet Thomas Moore stayed during his visit to Washington City in 1804.

Such fine residences were, however, the exception in our part of the city when the Federal Government moved - in 1800 - from Philadelphia to Washington. There were only about nine residences in the Hamburg section, lying approximately between 18th and 23rd Streets and H Street and the Potomac. An old resident, Christian Hines (who published his "Early Recollections of Washington City" in 1866), lived in a 2-story frame house on F Street between 23rd and 24th Streets, and his nearest neighbor in 1800 lived in a brick house near F and 20th Streets. He says

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 in his book ... "The greatest difficulty living in the area was in getting water...we had to go to a spring near Hamburg wharf about a half mile distant, and occasionally to...I and 21st Streets..."

Water, indeed, played a major role in the development of Foggy Bottom. Lack of potable water discouraged residences in the early days but proximity to the Potomac, then a busy commercial waterway, brought a number of enterprises and industries into the area at its lower reaches. When the furniture, personal effects, office records and other paraphenalia of government officials was moved to Washington, the boats from Philadelphia landed at Lear's Wharf, located at 26th Street and the Potomac and F and G Streets, Northwest. There was a large stone warehouse at the wharf in which many government goods were stored until the room could be made for them in the few office buildings then available.

As early as 1797, Foggy Bottom also contained a brewery -- Coningham's Brewery. It was located in the block bounded by 21st, 22nd, Constitution Avenue (then B Street), and the Potomac. Dr. Cornelius Coningham, head of the firm, was a physician as well as a brewer. He lived on the premises to see that the work was well done but, according to Christian Hines, he soon abandoned the brewery and moved into the Navy Yard district, in the Southeast section of Washington.

Near Dr. Coningham's brewery there was a glass-house, established about 1809. The plant made cylinder glass and had an annual production of about \$30,000, according to the Census of 1810. Some of the old pictures of the glass works show a pitched-roofed, brick building, one and a half stories high, with a row of six or seven one-story residences or storehouses nestled beside the main factory building. After passing through several different ownerships, the glass plant went out of business in 1849.

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WHEN IS A NAME NOT A NAME?

(An editorial comment on the Association name)

It has been discussed, both fleetingly and at length, by individuals, by the Association's Executive Committee, and by the membership as a whole at Association meetings, as to whether or not the name of the Association should be changed from The Foggy Bottom Restoration Association to some other name perhaps more appropriate. In all instances where another name has been suggested, the word "Restoration" has been, significantly, omitted.

For quite some time I personally have deliberately, and consciously, deleted the word "Restoration" in referring to the Association. My reason for doing so has been to avoid the inevitable question, "What are you restoring?", which is very seldom asked in serious perplexity. It has been argued that when a question of this sort is asked, it provides the opening for us to explain just what Foggy Bottom is and what the residents are doing in and with the area.

This is not too unlike answering the question, "What are we having for dinner tonight?" with, "Nothing; but that reminds me, there's a great movie - 'The Monster That Devoured Cleveland' - at the Bijou we don't want to miss."

It has also been said that the name has historic significance. In this instance, not only do we continue using the superfluous "Restoration", we become a bit presumptious by thinking of an Association less than ten years old as being historic, thereby compounding the misnomer.

The name Foggy Bottom itself is unique enough to open a literal barrage of questions -- and relevant answers -- without the erroneous connotations of the word restoration. Certainly it is erroneous to say that we are restoring the area to its former glory! Almost without exception, any restoration of houses

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2419 Pennsylvania Avenue When Is A Name ... (continued from page 7)

in the area has already taken place and if that was the reason for inserting the word in the early days of the organization, the term has now outlived its usefulness and should be discarded.

The word association, synonymous with community, fellowship, society, club, etc., is sufficient to describe this group of Foggy Bottom residents who, in pursuit of common interests and goals, have joined together. It is therefore urged by the NEWS that a name descriptive of this group of residents be used in conjunction with all references to it.

We suggest that at the Association meeting on Monday, November 25, you vote to change the name to The Foggy Bottom Association.





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